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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ROBERT BELGRAVE

1. ROBERT BELGRAVE, POLICY ADVISOR. BRITISH PETROLEUM. PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON APRIL 5-6. HE WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH MESSRS. GREENWALD AND BOSWORTH AT STATE, CHARLES COOPER AT TREASURY/WORLD BANK. AND CLEM MALIN AT FEA.

2. BP NORTH AMERICA (NIGEL POWER) WILL CONTACT DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE DETAILED SCHEDULE. BELGRAVE IS MAKING HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO SEE ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN.

3. COMMENT: WITH APPOINTMENT OF DAVID STEEL AS BP CHAIRMAN REPLACING SIR ERIC DRAKE, BELGRAVE'S ROLE AS POLICY ADVISOR APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ENHANCED. HE NOW REPORTS DIRECTLY TO BP CHAIRMAN RATHER THAN TO HIS DEPUTY AND HAS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH STEEL. PRESUMABLY, HE WILL BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING DIVESTURE ISSUE FACING US OIL INDUSTRY AS WELL AS BROADER ENERGY POLICY, INCLUDING CIEC, QUESTIONS.

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